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SUBJECT: NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND

1. MR. ROBERT HAYDON, PRESENT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN MALTA, HAS BEEN NAMED AS THE NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. HAYDON IS A VERY EXPERIENCED CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAVING HAD VARIOUS FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS SINCE 1946 INCLUDING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN MALAWI 1971-73 AND CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY AT NO. 10 DOWNING STREET 1973-74. WHILE IN THE LATTER POST HE ATTENDED THE SUNNINGDALE CONFERENCE ON IRELAND IN 1973 AND THUS HAS BACKGROUND IN IRISH AFFAIRS. OUR IRISH CONTACTS TELL US THAT THEY ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS APPOINTMENT.

3. SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR EWART-BIGGS THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN UPPERMOST IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF A SUCCESSOR. HAYDON IN AN INTERVIEW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL MOVE INTO THE BRITISH RESIDENCE AT SANDYFORD NEAR DUBLIN, BUT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND ANOTHER SUITABLE RESIDENCE IN THE CITY WHICH WILL BE MORE PRACTICAL FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT. MEANWHILE THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS COORDINATING PLANS FOR A MASSIVE, ROUND-THE-CLOCK, SECURITY PROTECTION FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

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